

CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 20, 2014

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on this date, at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chamber of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Jason Falls, Chairman
Eddie Holbrook, Vice-Chairman
Susan Allen, Commissioner
Ronnie Hawkins, Commissioner
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Jeff Richardson, County Manager
Bob Yelton, County Attorney
Kerri Melton, County Clerk
April Crotts, Deputy Clerk
Chris Green, Tax Administrator
Dorothea Wyant, Health Director
Sherrie Geer, Interim Finance Director
Carol Wilson, Library Director
Bonnie Reece, Register of Deeds
Allison Mauney, Human Resources Director
Bill McCarter, Planning Director
Joe Lord, EMS Director
Karen Ellis, DSS Director
Paul Ezell, Chief Building Inspector
Sam Lockridge, Health Services Coordinator
Mark Dellinger, Electronic Maintenance Director
Marty Gold, Information Technology Director
Scott Bowman, Maintenance Director
Lorie Poston, Communications Director
Jessica Pickens, *The Shelby Star*
Other individual names on file in the Clerk's Office

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jason Falls called the meeting to order. Commissioner Johnny Hutchins led the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States of America and provided the invocation for the meeting.

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the agenda as presented by the County Clerk.*

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

Pastor Whitney, 504 Crescent Hill Road Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He asked Commissioners to publicly withdraw their letter of support of the casino.

Pastor James Lockridge, 112 Cyclone Lane Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He has not seen any response from the Commissioners and has been burdened by it.

Cynthia Forcade-1005 Serenity Woods Bessemer City, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.

Adam Forcade-1005 Serenity Woods Bessemer City, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino.

Beauford Burton, 322 Margrace Road, Kings Mountain, spoke in opposition to the proposed casino. He asked that Commissioners consider all sides of the issue and asked that Commissioners withdraw their letter of support. He also asked if he could be placed on the Regular Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There being no corrections, additions, or deletions to the Minutes of the *April 15, 2014* motion was made by Ronnie Hawkins, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to ***approve the minutes as written.***

TAX COLLECTOR’S MONTHLY REPORT

The Tax Collector provided Commissioners with the following detailed written report regarding taxes collected during *April 2014* (copy found on Page _____ of Minute Book _____).

TAX ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS

The Tax Assessor provided Commissioners with a detailed written report regarding tax abatements and supplements during *April 2014*. The monthly grand total of tax abatements was listed as (\$52,677.95); and, the monthly grand total for tax supplements was listed as \$106,466.50.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #059)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the following budget amendment:***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
010.442.4.991.00	Sheriff’s Office/Fund Balance Approp	\$ 4,000.	
010.442.5.910.01/USICE-P442	Sheriff’s Office/Capital Equip/Major Rep	4,000.	

Explanation of Revisions: Request to budget federal forfeiture funds for the removal of damaged lettering/stripping, repainting of vehicle and for new lettering to be put on the vehicle.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #060)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the following budget amendment:***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.533.4.810.00	Adult Health/Contributions/Donations	\$ 100.	
012.533.5.790.00	Adult Health/Contributions/Donations	100.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget donation to assist with payment for mammograms.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #061)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, ***to approve the following budget amendment:***

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.541.4.350.00/01210-4752	Env. Health/State Gov Grants	\$ 18,426.	
012.541.5.210.00	Env. Health/Departmental Supplies	9,205.	
012.541.5.240.00	Env. Health/Automotive Supplies	4,221.	
012.541.5.241.00	Env. Health/Motor Fuels	3,000.	
012.541.5.310.00	Env. Health/Travel/Training	1,000.	

012.541.5.311.00 Env. Health/Education Expense 1,000.
Explanation of Revisions: Budget state performance based Food & Lodging funds for operating expenses.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #062)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.539.4.310.00/93217-592A	Family Planning/Fed Govt Grants	\$ 11,276.	
012.539.5.230.01	Family Planning/Prescription Drugs	11,276.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget DHHS Family Planning Title X funds for purchase of birth control supplies and long acting contraceptive devices.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: BUDGET AMENDMENT (BNA #063)

ACTION: Ronnie Hawkins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to approve the following budget amendment:*

<u>Account Number</u>	<u>Department/Account Name</u>	<u>Increase</u>	<u>Decrease</u>
012.537.4.800.00	Child Health/Misc Revenue	\$ 405.	
012.537.5.230.05	Child Health/Lab Supplies	405.	

Explanation of Revisions: Budget funds received from Charlotte AHEC to precept students for lab supplies.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK MAY 18-24, 2014

Cleveland County EMS Director Joe Lord gave a presentation detailing several calls received and lives saved last year. The presentation highlighted the collaboration between all Emergency Personnel in Cleveland County. Commissioners presented the following proclamation to Mr. Lord.

Number: 04-2014

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK
MAY 18-24, 2014**

WHEREAS, Emergency Medical Services is a vital public service when an emergency occurs; and

WHEREAS, the members of Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services teams are ready to provide lifesaving care to those in need twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week; and

WHEREAS, access to quality emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services system consists of emergency physicians, emergency nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, firefighters, first responders, educators, administrators and others; and

WHEREAS, the members of Emergency Medical Services teams engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to enhance their lifesaving skills; and

WHEREAS, day in and day out, Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services staff exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of Cleveland County Emergency Medical Services providers by designating Emergency Services Week.

NOW THEREFORE, the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 18-24 as “*Emergency Medical Services Week*” in Cleveland County in honor and recognition of our EMS Staff and the vital contributions they make to the safety and well-being of our citizens.

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF J. KEITH CRISCO

Commissioner Ronnie Hawkins introduced Kristin Fletcher, VP of Economic Develop to speak a few words about former Secretary of Commerce Keith Crisco. Mr. Crisco died suddenly in early May.

ACTION: Eddie Holbrook made the motion, seconded by Johnny Hutchins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adopt the following resolution:*

Number 04-2014

***IN APPRECIATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLEVELAND COUNTY
KEITH CRISCO***

WHEREAS, it is with deepest regret that the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the death of Keith Crisco; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crisco exemplified the true meaning of “dedicated public servant” having served on the School Board, the Asheboro City Council and as the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce from 2009-2012; and

WHEREAS, as Secretary of Commerce, he led the recruitment of nearly 120,000 jobs and more than \$27 billion in investment during one of the worst recessions this nation ever faced; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2,000 new jobs and \$1.6 billion in new investment were created in Cleveland County throughout Mr. Crisco’s tenure; and

WHEREAS, Keith Crisco’s willingness to make himself available whenever needed was evidenced through his many trips to Cleveland County one of which included driving clear across the state on a Saturday to meet with a prospective client; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crisco’s experience as a successful business owner and his first-hand knowledge of private sector business made him invaluable at the table with companies locating or expanding in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland County Commissioners thought of Mr.Crisco not only as the Secretary of Commerce, but also as a friend.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CLEVELAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, hereby express our deepest sympathy to the Crisco family and express our sincere appreciation and gratitude for the dedication and distinguished service of J. Keith Crisco.

ADOPTED THIS THE 20th DAY OF MAY, 2014.

REGULAR AGENDA

NUMBER 7 VOLUNTEER FIRE DISTRICT TAX RATE

In April, the #7 Volunteer Fire District (VFD) requested a tax rate increase of \$.01. The #7 VFD is the only fire district with a rate less than \$.05.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook and adopted by a majority of the board, *to approve a \$0.01 tax increase to the Number 7 Volunteer Fire District (Commissioner Falls voted in opposition).*

HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING UPDATE

Architect Roger Holland began by thanking County Departments who were involved from the very beginning in the design of the new Health Department. “This project could not have been done without the team”. Mr. Holland showed a site plan which laid out the building on the property located directly behind Social Services. This design and the addition of this building will allow Cleveland County to have a highly integrated human

services campus. In designing the campus, the architects took traffic into consideration. By working with Food Lion, a neighbor to this site, traffic improvements will be completed to make the entrances and exits safer. The main entrance will be on the DSS side of the campus. During the design phase, it was discovered there were some unsuitable soil conditions that would need to be addressed prior to construction. This additional work was included in the base bid price. On May 1, 2014, bids were opened. After opening bids, the Architectural team met with representatives of the Health Department and all other key Cleveland County staff to discuss alternates to be included in the bid and to make a unified recommendation to Commissioners.

Based on the discussions, Holland and Hamrick Architects recommends award of the contract to the low bidder Beam Construction Company as follows:

Base Bid:

Beam Construction Company Cherryville, NC	\$ 15,350,000
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Alternates:

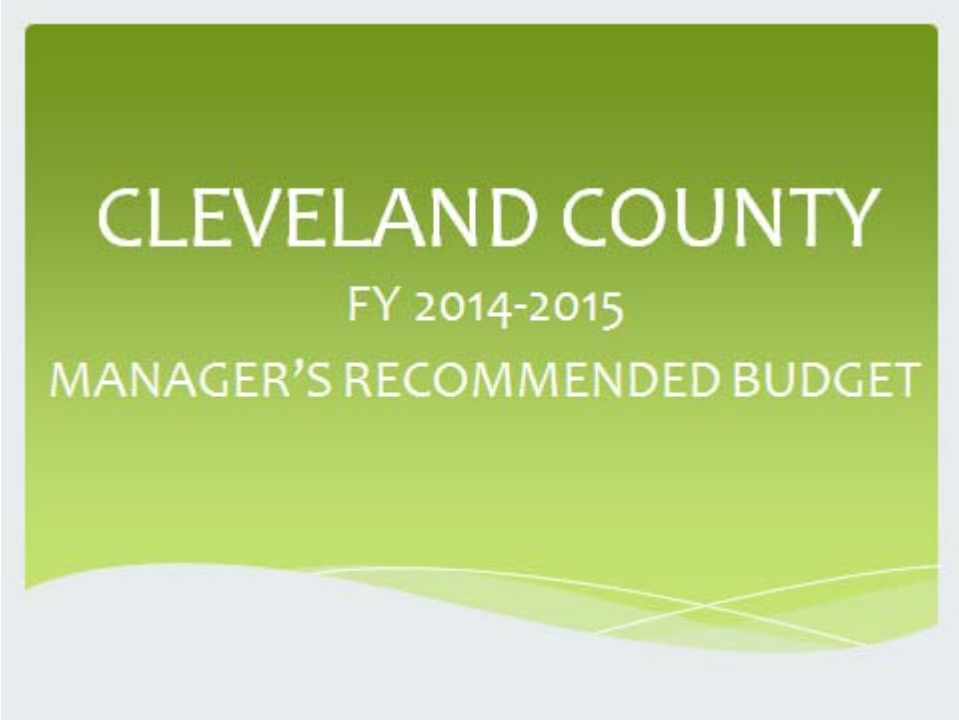
Alternate #3 add Epoxy terrazzo in corridors in lieu of vinyl tile	142,912
Alternate #9 add Data/telephone/I.T,	1,955,400
Alternate #10 add Road work at entrances	444,600
Alternate #12 add Enhanced/additional interior signage	21,400
Alternate #4 (modified to be 4a) add Resilient sheet flooring in lieu of vinyl tile	133,000
Reduce Contingency Allowance by \$100,000 deduct (from \$500,000 to \$400,000)	(100,000)
Total Contract Amount:	\$ 17,947,312

Mr. Holland made note that Beam Construction, although located in Cherryville, is considered a “local contractor” as many of his employees live in Cleveland County. Commissioners praised Beam Construction for their commitment to using local employees and buying locally and thanked Holland & Hamrick Architects for producing a great product.

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Ronnie Hawkins, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to enter into a contract with Beam Construction in the amount of \$17,947,312 for construction of the new Health Department.*

OVERVIEW OF FY 2014/2015 BUDGET

County Manager Jeff Richardson presented Commissioners with a PowerPoint outlining his recommendations for the FY 2014/2015 budget as follows. Mr. Richardson especially thanked Tonya Sigmon for her work on the budget.



FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUMMARY

Recommended No Change:

- No tax rate increase/ 57 cents
- County school supplemental tax/ 15 cents
- County Volunteer Fire Service District tax/5 cents

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUMMARY

Projected New General Fund Revenue	\$ 2,800,000
Decrease in Social Services Local Match	\$ 200,000
Total New Revenue	\$ 3,000,000
Employer Healthcare Cost Increases	\$ 900,000
Decreased Fund Balance Reliance	\$ 300,000
Employee Cost of Living Increase	\$ 750,000
Community College Workforce Development	\$ 215,000
Operations/Staffing Increases/Strategic Goals	\$ 900,000
Total New Expenses	\$ 3,000,000

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
COMMISSIONERS STRATEGIC GOALS

TOP PRIORITIES

- Complete Phase I of the County/State Wildlife Commission Public Shooting Range
- ✓ Allocation- 1/2 year salary designated in budget for Gun Range Master: \$30K
 - Integrated Human Service Campus
- ✓ Allocation: Campus entry/Traffic Safety Improvements: \$444K
 - Model Animal Control Program
- ✓ Allocation-Rescue coordinator, two new positions and upgrades to the Animal Shelter: \$203K

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
COMMISSIONERS STRATEGIC GOALS

TOP PRIORITIES

○ 2016 Revaluation Planning
Economic Development Incentive Program Total = 29 Projects
(Four incentive agreements satisfied in 2014)

✓ AT&T	Year 2/14
✓ Clearwater	Year 3/10
✓ Disney	Year 2/10
✓ Duke Energy	Year 2/10
✓ Southern Power	Year 2/5

2013 Tax Investment = 3.5 cents / 57 cent tax rate

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
COMMISSIONERS STRATEGIC GOALS

FOCUS AREAS

- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
 - PUBLIC SAFETY
- COMMUNITY EDUCATION/CUSTOMER SERVICE OUTREACH
 - FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

FY 2014-2015
MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
FOCUS AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development Partnership/ Continued Growth |

- ✓ Cleveland Community College: \$213K (Workforce Development) 13%

Manage Occupancy Tax Revenue/Synergetic Partnership

- ✓ Cleveland Chamber TD: \$120K

FY 2014-2015
 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
 FOCUS AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Property/ Safety Emphasis

- ✓ LEC Exterior Safety Upgrades: \$63K
- ✓ KM/Boiling Springs Trails Security: \$19K

Public Safety/Customer Service:

- ✓ 4 Deputy Positions: Sheriff's Patrol Unit
- ✓ 3 IM Caseworkers: Social Services
- ✓ SRO Presence at Elementary Schools

FY 2014-2015
 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
 FOCUS AREA: Community Education/ Customer Service

Community Education

- ✓ County Wide Recycling Campaign: \$25K
- ✓ Shelter Rescue/Adoption/Education: \$13K

Customer Service

- ✓ Library Computer Replacement: \$30K
- ✓ Building Inspections Field Computers: \$10K

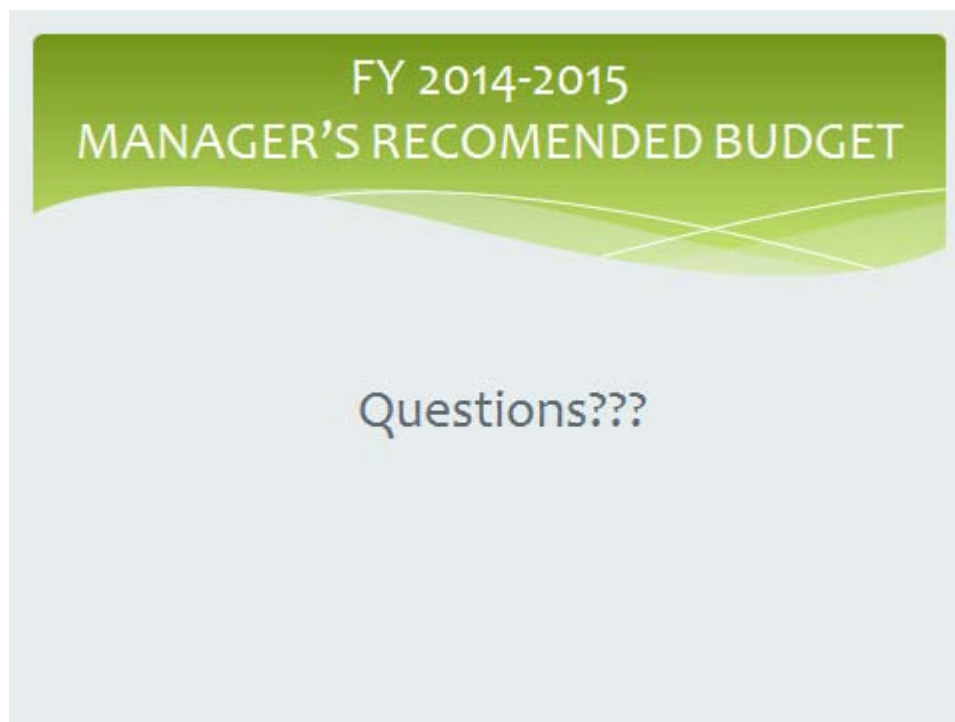
FY 2014-2015
 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
 FOCUS AREA: FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

- Grants Writer: \$30K
- Reduction in Unrestricted Fund Balance : \$300K
- Project 2014-15 Fund Balance: 16%+

FY 2014-2015
 MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
 OPERATIONS/STAFFING INCREASES

- 2% COLA for all County Employees.
- Employer Health Insurance Increase 18%
- Expansion of Health Wellness Initiative
 - ✓ Disease Management Program
 - ✓ Expanded Health Wellness Coaching
 - ✓ Corporate YMCA Membership Package
 - ✓ Smoking Cessation
- 5 Additional Full Time Employees
 - ✓ Staff Attorney
 - ✓ Detention Center Maintenance
 - ✓ Solid Waste Mechanic
 - ✓ Public Health Nurse II
 - ✓ Pharmacy Tech II

FY 2014-2015 MANAGER'S RECOMENDED BUDGET CAPITAL PROJECTS	
• Airport Partnership	\$ 50K
• Public Safety Radio Maintenance	\$ 50K
• District Attorneys Office Relocation	\$ 250K
• Hunter School Renovations	\$ 50K
• Boiling Springs EMS Base Station	\$ 53K



NACo VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, *to appoint Ronnie Hawkins as the Voting Delegate.*

Commissioner Hutchins amended his motion as follows:

ACTION: Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Eddie Holbrook, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to appoint Ronnie Hawkins as the Voting Delegate and Johnny Hutchins as the Alternate.*

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

Commissioner Allen- attended Cleveland County Relay for Life which she considered a huge success. She asked the community to support the newly appointed School Superintendent.

Commissioner Hutchins spoke with the Lattimore Mens Club about the Shooting Range. As part of the design changes in bridge construction, the Wildlife Commission will be able to also begin construction on Phase II. Commissioner Hutchins is working on putting the Advisory Council together and he is working on branding ideas.

Library Director Carol Wilson shared her recent award of a \$90,000 grant to convert all three libraries to an RFID system.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board at this time, Johnny Hutchins made the motion, seconded by Susan Allen, and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting.* The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, June 3, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.* in the Commission Chamber.

*Jason Falls, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*

*Kerri Melton, CMC
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners*